

## COMMUNICATIONS.

Letters to Young Converts  
From an Old Man.LETTER TENTH.—HAVE YOU A GOOD  
BRIDE?

What a question to head a letter to young people, on practical piety, what has a bride to do with religion, or religion with a bride?

Well, if you do not see the connection, lay aside the paper for a little while, go and spend a few moments in prayer, then come back, take up your Bible, read Psalm 36:1, I say, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a *bridle*, while the wicked is hasty with it. Having read and pondered this, turn over to the New Testament, read James 1:26: If any man among you sin, let him not be hasty to be religious, and *layeth not his tongue*, but do exhort his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Now you may turn over to the third chapter of the same epistle, and read it throughout.

Do you see now what the bride is for? I repeat the question, and I urge it: Have you a good bride? I am sorry to be under the necessity of saying it of some of brethren, more sorry still of a few old sisters, but the truth requires it; if they ever had a bride, they have either lost it, or lost it, or forgotten how to use it. They do not use it, but they need it.

Brethren in the ministry wherever the *Baptist* circulates, every time and at every place you preach for months to come, press these Scriptures on your congregations, until the three words, "Bride, the Bride," are crystallized in the heart, and stereotyped on the memory of every brother, old and young. Young brethren, young sisters, see to it that you have a bride, and use it, and you need not spend much time looking after others, but see to it that your own is properly adjusted. This is a subject on which you will need much of the wisdom that cometh from above. To know at all times, and at all places, precisely what to say and what to say, will require a perfect knowledge of prudence and discretion that I have never yet seen; therefore, it is a subject on which you will need to spend much time in prayer.

There are so many ways of sinning with the tongue, that it would fill a volume to enumerate them. I can only suggest a few.

There is a wide-spread habit that is very sinful, of which professing Christians are guilty of their full share; treating sacred things and sacred subjects with levity. In profane company of professors and non-professors, the most trivial and ludicrous subjects are spoken in Scripture language, in such a way as to present the Scriptures thus used—rather abused—in a light as frivolous and ludicrous, as the subjects with which they are connected. Often, too, the most solemn truths of the Christian religion, the foundation principles of the Christian's faith and hope, and the warnings to escape the fearful perdition of ungodly men, are made the theme of an idle or profane jest. This practice prevails fearfully, and is growing alarmingly; indulgence in it can lead to nothing short of a total disregard for all things sacred, which in practice is no better than downright infidelity. Whenever anything like this is introduced in your presence by any company, *put on the bridle*.

It is distressing, and no less disgusting, to see how near many of our most prominent church-members approach to downright profanity, even to absolute blasphemy. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain," is intelligible language, and language that certainly means something. Enunciated as it was, amid the "tempest, fire and smoke" and thundering of Sinai,—enumerated by the voice of the Eternal, and engraven in stone by his own finger, it certainly means something.

But do men regard it? I speak now not of the detestable vice of profanity, as we ordinarily understand it, a vice that more than any other shows the desperate wickedness of the human heart, a vice, for the indulgence in which, there is no conceivable motive of either honor or profit. In giving His law, God included this prohibition, to test the human heart; as for a violation of each of the other commands, the violator may plead some motive or some excuse;—a violation of this is simply a reckless determination to defy Omnipotence, and get nothing for it. Such may be called "blasphemers in the first degree" of this sin, church-members are not gener-

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ally guilty, but there is a fearful amount in the *second degree*.

Men who would resent with indignity the charge of profanity, men of mark, too, in the churches, for the sake of appearing graphic in description, repeat with revolting precision the blasphemous language of others, and with such evidence of keen enjoyment, as shows them to be but a short remove from blasphemers of the first degree. My own experience and observation, as a very old man, have convinced me that the habit of repeating profanity in the hearing of children has done more to corrupt the youthful imagination, and form a character for profanity, than all other influences combined. There you will need the bridle.

"God knows,"—The Lord only knows, "is by many thought to be a much more forcible way of expressing ignorance on a subject than simply, 'I don't know,' but it is not, and it is downright profanity to corrupt the youthful imagination, and form a character for profanity, than all other influences combined. There you will need the bridle.

The expression "God forbid," found in our English New Testament, for which there is not a vestige of authority in the inspired original, has had a most unfortunate influence on the mind of many.

"Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" is Scripture, "God forbid" is a forgery, and also a profanity. Repeating the great name of God as an interjection in light and frivolous conversation is shocking, but among almost all classes, old and young, it is so common, that those who are clear are the exception, and not the rule.

In all kinds of company, and in conversation on the most trivial, and even ludicrous subjects, we constantly hear from old and young the thoughtless exclamations, "God Lord," "O Lord," "My God," and numerous kindred expressions, which is absolutely making a *shout* of the sacred name. When God once aimed to impress on a people a sense of their deepest disgrace, the foulest dishonor that he could bring upon any people, he foretold that their names should become a by-word.

How grossly do these church-members insult and dishonor him, when they thus associate his name in connection with the scenes of their levity, their vanity, and their sport.

Young brethren and sisters, in the thoughtlessness of the past, have permitted yourselves to fall into this light, break loose from it at once. That is not a name to be used in such a manner; and besides, this slight and flippant use of the name weakens the reverence for the name, and naturally for him who bears it. But beyond all this, remember the solemn sanction of the command: "The Lord will not hold him guiltless who taketh his name in vain." *Bridle the tongue!*Do you always speak the truth? Do you resent the question as an insult? I cannot help it; I repeat and press the question: Do you always speak the truth? What other expression makes the blood boil like "You lie?" It is an ugly expression, not to be lightly used, but solemnly and in view of the judgment of the great day. Are you always clear? "I was only joking" is by many considered a sufficient palliation for quite a number of departures from strict truth. Can God thus palliate? He who is "purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on iniquity," Joking, were you? Remember those are the kind of *idle words* for which the Redeemer says you shall give account in the day of judgment. Whenever in conversation you find yourself drawn into the pleasures of repartee, that within proper bounds add such sprightliness, take care that you always keep the *bridle* ready.With some, the habit of exaggerating appears to be so natural that when you listen to a narrative from one of them, the question instinctively rises: "How much *discount* on that?" For a definition of that habit, I lay aside Webster for the present, and give it one of my own, I call it "stretching the truth."Those who are addicted to this habit, at least many of them, appear to have forgotten two important truths: This world of ours is a tolerably large one, and its affairs have been going on a good long while. Now when you say of anything good or bad, that it surpasses *every thing in the world*, it might put you to some trouble to prove it, unless you could make it appear that you have been all over the world and seen every thing in it. "That ever was in the world" is another very common expression, but it might be still more difficult to prove. "Keep the mouthwith a bridle" whenever you are likely thus to *stretch the truth*.

When you have been greatly amused at something, and are speaking of it, and address young ladies now—do you not sometimes say, "I thought I would have died with laughing?" Another question to those who use that expression, and it is a very common one, did you think you were going to die then, sure enough? If not, you sin with your tongue when you say so. Keep the bridle always ready.

There is a very large and a very old family:—unless you take heed to your ways, "keep your mouth with a bridle," they will get you into trouble. They appear to have been a family of some note in the days of Solomon, and ages afterwards, when Paul wrote, they were still flourishing, though their name was changed; in Solomon's days it was "Tale bearer"; in Paul's it was "Busy bodies in other men's matters." Whenever you meet with one of that family, watch him, but watch yourself; and especially watch the unruly member, the tongue; keep it with a bridle.

A misunderstanding springs up between two neighbors, probably church-members; a trifling matter that a few words might have set right at the beginning. The parties become exalted, and in this state of excitement separate. The case is at some point have been in the hands of one of Solomon's men, is there not a little spice of pleasure in repeating it? Then, suppose you know of some redeeming circumstance in the case which, if told, would set the matter in an altogether different light, are you always careful to bring that out? I spoke awhile back of *stretching the truth*; there is such a thing as *hiding the truth*; do you not do that sometimes? *Look to your bridle*.Then, in repeating after another, you may give the precise words, but with such a change of tone or emphasis, as to totally change the meaning; this may be called *disguising the truth*.Then, when you wish to put a case right *strong* concerning one you do not like very well, there may be such a thing as *painting the truth*.Then, there is such a thing as telling the truth *reluctantly*. Speaking of one whose merits can neither be denied nor ignored, and you find yourself compelled to admit the whole, when your manner shows that you would rather not. "Well, yes, that may be all true,—but,"

"He is a very generous man,"

"Yes, generous when he chooses to be,"

"but this may be called *supplementing the truth*.

Are all my young readers clear in all these things? They are all on them per-

versions of the truth, and cowardly,

covert methods of circulating slander. "Take heed to your ways that you sin not with your tongue;

keep your mouth with a bridle when you sin not with your tongue."

This letter I bring to a close, with the suggestion that the naked, unvarnished truth, may be told in such a way as to be incalculable evil.

The oft-repeated proverb, "The truth can do no harm," is itself, not always true, as many a case occurs, in which the cause of truth itself, demands the *charity of silence*.

But I must forbear.

God bless you. Read the third chapter of James, until its truths are printed on your memory and your heart, and if some of you never learn to bridle a horse, may God give you grace to bridle your *tongues*. Again,

Farewell,

R. E. MELVIN.

My next will be, "What did I join the church for?" M.

for the length of this letter be, that these letters are among the closing

warnings of a dying man to those

who are to live after him.

There are some people you do not

like very well, at least not *quite* so

well as you do some others. How

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way: You, in common with all others,

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exist because we are limited in number and means, and cannot hope to accomplish many great results. We are persuaded that God had blessed our efforts, humble though we know they have been, and we feel in our hearts that He has blessed us in thus attempting to do something for Him. Besides the consciousness that our lowly service is well-pleasing in the sight of the Lord Jesus, is it not something to be so closely united with Christians who have been redeemed from the bondage of idolatry, as we feel that we are to those with whom our society has been directly laboring—knowing many of them by name, and having received letters full of their fervent outpour

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### The Matchless Evil.

We have a few more words to say upon this subject. Its overwhelming importance justifies the attention we are giving it. [We cannot be too earnest in the cause of temperance.

The recent Minister's and Laymen's Conference which convened at Clinton, gave very earnest attention to the matter, and finally resolved to withdraw all patronage from whisky vendors. It will be said that this is radical, and we cheerfully grant that it is, but it is just what the case calls for. We want a remedy that will reach the root of the disease, and such an one is proposed by the conference. As things have been, and are, the money power has been used all on one side of the great struggle. The friends of temperance are compelled to work against a body of men who make money by ruining people. [The sinew of war, are all on the wrong side.] Men generally do not sell whisky through any love they have for doing harm to the people. On the contrary, most of them, we believe, think mainly of their business, and would rather not follow it. But there is money in it, and the love of money is too strong for the moral sense. Many a right good man has entered the whisky business under the protest of his conscience, but through the influence of his surroundings, he has gone down, and down to the bottom. No man can do wrong and not be the worse for it. Now it is possible for the friends of temperance, in a large measure, to use the money power on their side. Let every man know that whenever he begins the sale of whisky he loses the patronage of the best people in the country, and he will not make the sacrifice. In fact, the only influence that could induce him to do what he feels opposed to, now acts in the other direction. Thus many a man would be saved who otherwise will gradually assimilate to his love of whisky and finally be lost. And in this case, too, many a community would be saved from the corrupting influence of a back door grocery.

It is wrong in itself to give support to men who make it a part of their business to ruin people, soul and body. The whisky business is essentially immoral, corrupting and disreputable. There should be no toleration of it, or men engaged in it. This brings us to say that every man who sets up a saloon should forthwith forfeit his standing in society. Why should he not? Who for a moment thinks social recognition should be accorded those preachers, who by false lights decoy ships upon the rocks, and live by destroying human lives? And what better is the work of the liquor vendor? He lives upon the tears and blood of his victims. To condone the conduct of such men, is for society to be false to itself. And all this applies to the illicit dealer, as well as to him, who openly plies his horrible business. This is radical, says one. Yes, but it is true, and right, and, if society, good men and women, will act in this plan they will be doing the best thing for themselves and the world. We cannot afford to temporize with this monster. In our opinion we must lay the axe to the root of the tree. This we do when in every way, and everywhere, we make it to the interest of men to act properly with respect to the match. In so great a struggle we have need to invoke the assistance of every power possible.

There is one power which is potent for evil, and which deserves special mention. It is the press. We are compelled to say that the press has not done its duty in the temperance cause. Further, very largely, it has been, and is, on the wrong side of the great question. Even all our religious papers are not sound, some of them maintaining the morality of selling and using liquors as a beverage. The secular press is fearfully wrong. Many of them contain flourishing advertisements of saloons, besides many "locals" directing drinkers where to go to find what they want. The truth of it is not a few of the editors of secular papers are notorious drinkers, not to say drunkards. Now, we do not believe that Christian people ought to tolerate this in the papers which they introduce to their families to influence their children. Editors are paid to advertise and puff saloons. It ought not to pay them to do it. In a county in this State in which there are, we guess, not less than thirty Baptist churches, the county paper regularly puffs the saloons. Now, suppose a hundred or two of the patrons of that paper—

the must be that many professed Christians who read it—will clip the objectionable parts and enclose them to the editor with something like this: "I do not wish a paper in my family which lends its influence to the corruption of society, and which may corrupt my children. Please stop my paper." In such a case one of two things would happen. Either the editor would make a better paper, or its chances for doing harm would be less. So in one way or another good would result. We cannot afford to support a press to degrade the country.

The line of action is sufficiently indicated. Let every earnest man do his part. Co-operation is a good thing. But, first of all, we must have a large number of men and women who are resolved to do the right thing, if they must, act alone. No doubt, many a one in his or her neighborhood will be compelled to act alone, if the right line of policy is adopted. But what of that? Great hearts, with respect to any question, ask only what is right, knowing that, they take their position, for all time, glad if others are with them, but undismayed and unmoved, if they stand alone.

### Our Removal.

Having removed the publishing of the Record from Clinton to Jackson, I feel that a word of explanation is due from me. I might say, in a word, that I have taken this step simply because I thought it best for the paper; but in connection with what is said by the editor, I will give a few reasons which have urged me to enter into the new arrangement for publishing.

The income of the paper has not been sufficient for me to give it my time. I have had to look to other sources for a living, and at the same time give it my attention without remuneration. I have borne this burden cheerfully for two years, but I find that it is not only overtaxing my energies, but interfering with my work as a minister. I could have saved money, but I preferred to put it into the paper. My object is to furnish the denominational *good paper* on as reasonable terms as possible, and make the question of pecuniary reward a secondary consideration. I think I see how the mercenary, and union with Mr. Winkley will work to the financial interest of the paper, and enable me to give more of my time to my ministerial duties. A good deal of my work will naturally come to the Record office especially if we are well prepared to execute it. Mr. Winkley is "master of his trade" and is well equipped for doing any kind of printing. I have formed a partnership with him in the printing business, which will insure those wishing us to do their job work first class work. The denominational printing which the influence of the Record will bring, added to the standing patronage of Mr. Winkley, I think, will go far toward placing us on a firm financial basis. Will the brethren give us their patronage, and influence in this direction?

I have felt the need of better facilities for publishing. We have never been able to satisfy ourselves or our patrons with the mechanical execution of the paper. Up to this time we have been using a hand press, worked by such persons as we could employ for that purpose; want of skill on their part often made bad print. The time has come when we need a power press to run off our edition. To purchase one would involve an outlay of \$1,000, and the employment of a skilled foreman to run it. We were not prepared to make the purchase now, nor is it easy to find a man who could be trusted to run such a machine. By our present arrangement with Mr. Charles Winkley, we secure the press without any outlay, and at the same time, his personal attention will be given to the printing of the Record. Henceforth we expect the printing to be in all respects, first class.

In the second place, the general financial interest of the paper demanded the move. We have felt the disadvantage of our position for sometime, and hence have been desirous of moving. There is but little local advertising to be had at Clinton, and that constitutes a very large part of the income of a paper. Freight on paper from Jackson to Clinton are exorbitant, and we have been often put to great inconvenience by delays. Besides all this, the present combination of the Record, with the complete Job office of Mr. Winkley, will secure the paper against financial embarrassments, and will give Mr. Martin more time to work in the field in the interest of the paper. After a careful examination of the whole matter, as we can give it, we are clearly of the opinion that the paper will be greatly strengthened, financially, by the present arrangement.

3. Our advertising patronage will be greatly increased by the move. We need to be at a centre of trade to command advertisements.

4. We need outside work. The duties of the paper have so confined the Editor and myself that we have not been able to circulate among the brethren as we have desired.

5. I think Mr. Winkley has given me a real good trade, and I have said as much to him. He, in turn, thinks I have given him a good trade. So we are both pleased, and we think he knows enough, is the one we will not ordain.

We have heard frequently of making education a condition of ordination, but we never saw it advocated in any paper before. Certain it is that the Scriptures do not require it, and we should not. We feel that there is a tendency to an extreme here, which should not be encouraged.

6. We feel that Jackson is the natural place for the paper, it being the State Capital. Here too we come in contact with a great many people who constantly visit the Capital on business of one sort or other. From this place also, our facilities for the rapid distribution of mail will be better.

7. We are the principal reasons for the removal. We have acted in the interest of the paper. The move; but if any should not, that does not change the fact—the Record is printed in Jackson.

### The Exodus.

Here is something from New England on the Exodus. Reviewing an article in the *Index* the *Watchman* says:

A belief seems to be implied that this movement originated in the North, and that the colored people are drawn from the South by the inducements of the Northern people. We do not think there is any evidence to sustain that opinion.

It is common for our brethren North to know about such things better than we who live here, but in this case we beg to tell our esteemed editorial brother that he is not informed. Envoys have come to this country and ridden over it, in the interest of this move. One known to come from Washington has been in this vicinity. Again:

It is evident that their exodus has but just commenced, and ample provision should be made for their comfort till they are established in their new homes. But there is no doubt that the business of relaying and assisting them will be entrusted to unwise persons.

We can assure the North that we have been feeding her tramps for several years, and that we will take kindly if she will return the favor. Read this:

Now we believe that all colored people who want to escape from districts where the shotgun policy has prevailed, should be helped to do so. Even if these countries were entirely deprived of their laboring population, it would be but a just recompence for the bloodshed of which the rough whites have been guilty, and at

large number of brethren and sisters report some of the books recently inquired after. Bro. J. L. Slay of Quitman has them all.

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which the gentler whites have winked. We would organize societies, or if need be, take up special collections in churches, to facilitate the removal of those who have suffered so much in the past, and are exposed to such dangers in the future. We would have trusty agents sent among them to lead them into liberty and safety. We would continue the process until the South makes up its mind to hang the murderers, and make respectable they may be, or have firmly entrenched in the support of office-holders, for whose sake they perpetrated crime.

That there is blood shed and crime in this section we do not deny, but there is not more of it here than in the latitude of Boston, if the Northern papers are to be trusted. This we will say; the negroes are not flying from shot-guns, but to a land which flows with plenty, as they understand it. The *Watchman*, one of the best of our Northern Exchanges, says the South grossly injures, and violates a very plain principle of ethics in doing so.

### Ed. Wm. Thigpen on Ministerial Education.

That a knowledge of the language of the Scriptures, or the meaning of the words employed and their relation to each other, is necessary to enable one to expound them to others is admitted. This must be so if the days of inspiration are past. I believe in its correctness so firmly that I would be unwilling to assist in putting any brother into gospel ministry no matter how strong his impressions to preach and how consistent his Christian life who could not read the Bible and whose idea of its doctrine and ordinances is not in a good measure correct. If a brother has a desire to do good without knowledge it becomes his imperative duty to seek it, and the duty of the churches, among whom the Lord has called him and for whose benefit he is to labor to do so.

These are sound words, only a little stronger than we like. We have assisted in the ordination of more than one brother whose education was below brother T. S.'s standard. We would ordain a man to preach, under some circumstances, who could not read. If he gave all the evidences of a divine call, and by hearing others read the Bible, or by any means had learned the way of life and the way of salvation, who could elevate men of small talents of brains, to much titles of honor and distinction, as the elevation of humanity. Remember that he is not necessarily the greatest man who rises highest. "For he is the noblest specimen of *humility* who raises the greatest number of others."

Mr. Gladstone, of England, never uttered a truer sentence than when he said, "The real heroism has in him a moral element, equal, at least to his intellectual and physical courage." And whatever be your profession, young gentleman, spend your lives, neither in a hermitage in an obscure place, nor identify yourself with the people who would elevate men of small talents of brains, to much titles of honor and distinction, as the elevation of humanity. Remember that he is not necessarily the greatest man who rises highest.

"You say ordination does not make a minister of the gospel and though a man may be a preacher, he is not a minister of the gospel until ordained."

It is a good sort of Baptist, but Do well is better.

Taking advantage of your amiability, I send you a few lines for publication." We are a very amiable people, but when an article stretches out into three or four columns, it tries us dreadfully.

"A word more on the subject of Ministerial Education." I endorse everything in your note in the last issue. But still insist that you have not answered my argument upon the main point, i.e., that an *ordained preacher is not a minister of the gospel*. But the Board had forgotten that that had been tried and found successful. Just so, brother J. C. Saywell is a right good sort of Baptist, but Do well is better.

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"Bro. Gates writes from Wesson, April 29th: "We are having a great meeting here. Fifteen are awaiting baptism. Others will join to-night. A great many are requesting prayer. We will close soon."

Bro. Newman was greatly pleased with the exegesis published in this paper recently by Bro. Christian.

Notes.—Brother Sample is nearer in harmony with the great body of his brethren than he has been thinking.

We have not the exact figures before us, but we can assure him that of the \$1,400 or \$1,500 collected for State missions last year more than \$3,500 was collected by the secretary, and for every one else. He will go out and put himself with the masses to lift them up. To do this, is the true mission of educated people.

Rev. E. Z. Simmons tells the editor of the *Mississippi Baptist Record*, "I have heard several say, and I think that your language concerning Washington Jones and the *Religious Herald* was too strong, and not like you generally read."

You are mistaken, brother Simmons. It was not too strong; but it was too *bold*. To abuse a man as he did is to be *bold*, but so, the difference is not large. We might say that baptism makes a Christian this is so, but I trust that *ordination does make a minister of the gospel* and though a man may be a preacher, he is not a minister of the gospel until ordained.

The churches of our association are all in a poor condition, spiritual.

Who are most to blame, the pastors or the membership?"—W. M. Broadbent, *Yazoo Association*.

Let each one preacher ornate, Lord, is it?

Bro. Hackett does not believe in selling "Kind Words." Well, we need not do it if we do not wish to. There is comfort in that. It seems we are in the minority on this subject. It's not the first time we have been on the little side.

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We return our acknowledgments to Hon. Van H. Manning for Congressional favors.

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